

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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STATUS OF EDUCATION LEVEL OF MINORITIES
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the enrolment level of different minorities at the primary level in different States and the percentage of their dropouts;
- (b) the main cause of such dropouts;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide additional incentives to minorities for improving their enrolment at the primary and higher secondary schools and set up a mechanism to ensure for each child of minorities go to school and reach higher education level; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS(A.R. ANTULAY)

- (a) & (b): As per information received from the Ministry of Human Resource Development, District Information System of Education (DISE) 2006-07, brought out annually by the University of Educational Planning and Administration, reveals that enrolment of Muslim children is 9.39% at the primary level, and 7.52% at the upper primary level. Drop-out rates could not be worked out for want of disaggregated time-series data.
- (c) & (d): The Sarva Siksha Abhiyan provides for focused targeting of funds in districts with substantial Muslim population. Under the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) scheme, 270 residential schools have been sanctioned in educationally backward blocks with substantial Muslim population.